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Stewardship

The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

Restoration of Disturbed Lands in Everglades National Park

Location: Florida – Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties
Partner(s): National Park Foundation, Miami-Dade County
Partner Website:
Total Cost: \$20,000,000
Proposal #: 137534

Summary: This project will restore formerly developed areas of Everglades National Park. Over 7,000 acres of the park consist of previously farmed or filled areas that have filled up with dense communities of exotic plants. The drained, artificially nutrient-enriched soils on these sites support such luxuriant plant growth that management of exotics in these areas is impractical. The park has developed techniques for restoring disturbed sites that promote native vegetation communities and minimize the need for ongoing exotic plant control. Over 3000 acres of previously farmed land has already been successfully restored using these techniques. This project will complete the restoration of highly disturbed land areas in the park and improve the habitat quality and wetland function of a large area surrounding the restoration project.

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Pre-restoration (left) and restored marsh (on right)
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